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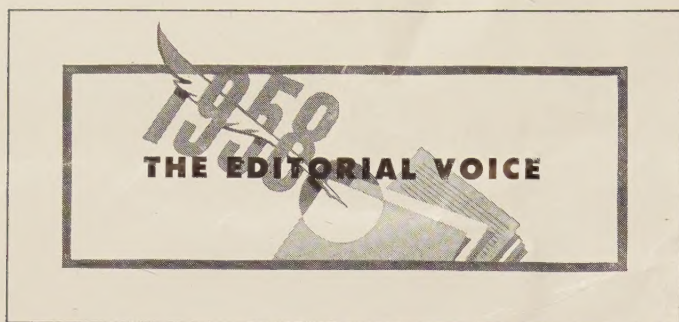
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THE POWER OF GOD TO USWARD

"God hath spoken once: twice have I heard this; that power belongeth unto God" (Psa. 62:11).

It is hard for us sons of the Machine Age to remember that there is no power apart from God. Whether physical, intellectual, moral or spiritual, power is contained in God, flows out from Him and returns to Him again. The power that works throughout His creation remains in Him even while it operates in an atom or a galaxy.

The notion that power is something God separates from Himself and tosses out to work apart from Him is erroneous. The power of nature is the Presence of God in His universe. This idea is woven into the Book of Job, the Wisdom books, the Psalms and the Prophets. The writings of John and Paul in the New Testament harmonize with this Old Testament doctrine and in the Book of Hebrews it is said that Christ upholds all things by the word of His power.

We must not think of the power of God as a wild, irrational energy coursing haphazardly through the world like a lightning stroke or a tornado. This is the impression sometimes created by Bible teachers who keep reminding us that *dunamis*, the Greek word for power, is the root from which comes our word "dynamite." Little wonder that sensitive Christians shrink from contact with such a destructive and unpredictable force.

God is a Trinity in Unity. The undivided unity of the Godhead is a truth revealed to Israel and held unchanged by the Christian Church. The doctrine of the divine unity means not only that there is but one God; it means that the Triune God is one with Himself, of a single substance, without parts. This truth is celebrated by Faber in these lines,

*Unfathomable Sea!
All life is out of Thee,
And Thy life is Thy blissful Unity.*

*All things that from Thee run,
All works that Thou hast done,
Thou didst in honor of Thy being One.*

*And by Thy being One,
Ever by that alone,
Couldst Thou do, and doest, what Thou hast done.*

*We from Thy oneness come,
Beyond it cannot roam,
And in Thy oneness find our one eternal home.*

The power of God, then, is not something God has; it is something God *is*. Power is something that is true of God as wisdom and love are true of Him. It is, if we might so state it, a facet of His being, one with and indivisible from everything else that He is. To imagine that the power of God operates blindly or accidentally is to fall victim to materialistic concepts. It is to think of God's power as separable from the attributes of personality such as wisdom, love and goodness. It is to imagine an infinite, undirected energy, something that does not and cannot exist.

The power of God is one with God's will, and works only as He wills that it should. It is one with His love and goodness and (as seen from our low standpoint) is the infinite enabling of all His attributes of perfection. It is His holy Being in action.

God is spirit and His universe is basically spiritual. Even science, which limps along far behind revelation, now knows that matter is not the solid, imporous substance it was once thought to be. Scientists change their beliefs radically from time to time and I do not want to quote them in confirmation of Christian truth; but there does appear to be a startling parallel between the atomic theory of matter and the Biblical concept of the Eternal Word as the source and support of all created things. Could it be that, as certain mystics have insisted, all things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, are in reality but the goings forth of the power of God?

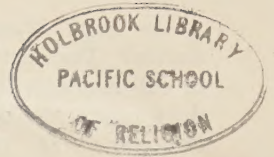
Whatever God is He is infinitely. In Him lies all the power there is; any power at work anywhere is His. Even the power to do evil must first have come from Him since there is no other source from which it could come. Lucifer, son of the morning, when he lifted up himself against the Most High, had only the abilities he had received from God. These he misused to become the devil that he is.

I am well aware that this kind of teaching raises certain very difficult questions, but we should never retreat before truth simply because we cannot explain it. To shrink before this truth is to raise still more and harder questions and, worst of all, it is to think feebly of God, the supreme indignity.

The fact of sin introduces a confusing element into our thinking about God and the universe, and requires that we suspend judgment on many things. Paul spoke of "the mystery of iniquity," and it becomes us to accept his inspired words as the only possible present answer to the question of sin. The wise man will note that the things we cannot understand have nothing to do with our salvation. We are saved by the truth we know.

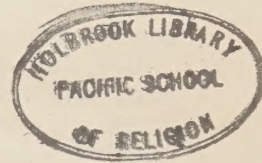
If we are true Christians this we can know, that the boundless power of our infinite God is all around us, enfolding us, preserving us in being and keeping us unto salvation ready to be revealed. Let us look trustfully to God and expect "the working of his mighty power, which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places" (Eph. 1:19, 20).

"God had not only warned of a great warfare, but He had promised also that there was a fortress into which we could run and hide."



A BULWARK NEVER FAILING

By REV. L. J. ISCH



Healing for the body is an important part of the gospel ministry. That God is pleased to heal those who trust Him is amply demonstrated by the experience of Rev. and Mrs. L. J. Isch. In forty-two years they did not call a doctor for any sickness. Not only did they receive deliverance from God in times of crisis, but they experienced continual health through Christ's resurrection life.

Was it lack of faith that made them call for medical help a few months ago? The battle of faith this article describes is not the kind of test God permits a spiritually immature person to face. A stubborn refusal to accept human aid may proceed from carnal pride. It may simply be a determination to prove a doctrinal position. The lesson this experience teaches is that obedience to God's leading is of supreme importance. Had Abraham been a fanatic, said Oswald Chambers, he would have killed Isaac. Convinced that God had commanded the sacrifice of his son, he would have regarded the angel's interference as Satan in disguise. Thank God for those whose personal devotion to God supersedes their loyalty to their own testimony.

HAVING experienced the comfort of the Lord in a fiery trial of our faith, my wife and I rejoice to offer praises unto Him.

My wife was taken with violent vomiting spells at midnight on Sunday, December 22, 1957. This continued every hour until Wednesday evening, December 25. I then felt I must call a physician to give her a sedative.

For many years we have made it a practice to look to the Lord for a definite promise when sickness has struck. We do not take it for granted that God has spoken to our hearts simply because we have the written Word. This time, as usual, I began to seek God for some promise on which to stand. The only word that came was, "He that dasheth in pieces is come up before thy face: keep the munition, watch the way, make thy loins strong, fortify thy power mightily" (Nah. 2:1).

My immediate reaction was to tell the Lord that this was not a promise but a warning of warfare; however, no other word came. I was deeply distressed. I went up to my wife's

room and asked her whether the Lord had given her a promise. She answered, "No, not from the Word. The only thing that comes to my mind is one word from a hymn and I cannot remember the title." I asked, "What is the word?" She replied, "Bulwark."

Having been without sleep for three days, my mind was confused and I could not associate that word with any hymn I knew. Just then Rev. Harry Jueckstock, our assistant superintendent, came to pray with my wife, and I told him of the incident. He immediately began to sing, "A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing." I could not help weeping. God had not only warned me of a great warfare, but He had promised also that there was a fortress into which we could run and hide, that there was a bulwark that would not fail in this hour of warfare. The battle was on!

The promises then began opening to us. Each one centered around the thought of battle and peace in the battle. One passage which was made very precious to us was Psalm

55:16-18, which declares, "He hath delivered my soul in peace from the battle that was against me: for there were many with me." How wonderful to hear God's voice in the midst of trial. Then came Psalm 53:5—"There were they in great fear, where no fear was: for God hath scattered the bones of him that encampeth against thee: thou hast put them to shame, because God hath despised them." We were amazed, for this passage was spoken to my wife in her room, to our son while he prayed in my study, and to me as I waited on God in the living room, all within the same hour. I said, "This is a finished work," but the battle continued.

My wife continued to vomit, becoming weaker by the hour. Finally on Wednesday evening, December 25, about 5:30, I told our son Louis that I was troubled. His mother had trusted the Lord for her body ever since 1915. No physician had attended her all through those forty-two years except in childbirth and at the time of an accident. As much as I disliked doing so, I felt I must call for a doctor. My son assured me that everything would be all right. One of the ladies in his church had a siege similar to this. After the physician came and gave her a sedative she became quiet. He then instructed her in the matter of caring for herself and that was the end of her trouble.

I naturally supposed that was the way it would be in our case, but not so. I finally forced myself to tell my wife what I intended to do. Her only reply was that the Lord had given her perfect peace of heart and mind.

My next question was, which doctor? The last time we had had to call a doctor, in 1915, our family doctor was in Cuba. We sent for a stranger. He performed an experimental operation. When our doctor had returned and they thought she could not live, the surgeon confessed that what he had done could have been fatal.

After forty-two years we were faced with again calling a strange doctor. I telephoned a Christian neighbor who said he would call back in a few moments. When he did he gave me the names of four reputable physicians and their telephone numbers. I started calling them and in each case the one who answered said, "The doctor is out of town," and then hung up. I was confused, not knowing whether it was God or the enemy blocking the way. The Lord then reminded me of another doctor in whose home a member of the Alliance church works as cook. I called his number. A voice responded by saying, "The doctor is out of town and will not be back until Friday. Are you in trouble?" I said, "Yes, serious trouble." The lady who was speaking then said, "I can recommend Dr. ———." My answer was, "I do not know him, but please send him." In a very short time he was there.

Before conducting him to my wife's room I told the doctor briefly what

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had happened on the occasion when we had called in a strange physician. The doctor did not seem to appreciate being told that and rather brusquely asked to be shown to her room. I noticed that while he was examining her he looked puzzled. When we returned to the living room he said, "We must get her to a hospital. She is completely dehydrated." This was due to her vomiting for so many days. I begged him to wait. He then asked, "What is the connection between this gall bladder attack and the former operation? There is no incision." I then gave him all the details of the awful experience we had gone through in 1915. He was shocked and said as he went out, "How could any man do that to anyone?"

After seven hours of quietness my wife began to vomit again and continued all day Thursday until about 6:00 P.M. I sent for the doctor again. He repeated that because of her serious condition they must get her to a hospital. First of all they would have to feed her intravenously, as she had not eaten since Sunday. Next they would have to find what was causing a blockage. It could be caused by a band, an adhesion, a stroke in that area, or by an escaped gallstone. The latter proved to be the case.

My next task was to convince my wife that this was the right thing to do. When I approached her

she smiled and said the Lord had already spoken to her from the Word. She had me turn to First Samuel 3:18. "It is the Lord: let him do what seemeth him good." She said she thought she had known before what peace was, but, she said, "I will never be able to describe what just took place on the inside. It is one of the most wonderful experiences of my life."

I then turned to the doctor and asked which hospital. His answer was Lourdes or the City Hospital. My wife immediately said, "Not Lourdes," despite the fact that Lourdes was the nearest to our home and the best equipped in the city. He very kindly said that was all right. I added, "Doctor, one thing more, this lady cannot endure cigarette smoke even when she is well. If they put her in with a chain smoker you will have difficulty with her." He then arranged for a private room in the Doctor's Memorial division of the City Hospital. Our accepting it was a step of faith as we had no hospitalization.

The next few days demonstrated how marvelous our God is and how wonderful His Word can become to His trusting child. They carried my wife to the third floor where there were five private rooms vacant, but no sooner was she settled than the others also were taken. Room 303 was chosen. The natural man would say, "Were they not all alike?" Yes! But there was a difference.

After the blood tests, several X rays and other tests, they gave her a sedative. Conscious of the fact that once more we were in the hands of a strange doctor, I sat at the foot of the bed praying when I noticed a Gideon Bible lying on the dresser. I told the Lord that I had never used that particular Bible but if any former occupant of the room had received comfort or help from reading it and had marked the place, would He please let me find it.

When I picked up the Bible, without my turning a page it opened to the thirteenth chapter of Hebrews. Verses five and six were marked with green ink. To my joy God had directed me to these very precious words: "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. So that we may bold-

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Men manufacture all kinds of devices to get around the truth, but God's law is written on their hearts

Is It Right?

By N. E. GUSTAFSON

THIS is a very interesting and revealing account of God's laws written in the hearts of men. Moses gave the children of Israel the privilege of divorcing their wives. And hundreds of years later the Pharisees came to Jesus asking Him if that act was lawful. That they did it to catch Jesus in a trap is beside the point. The fact is that in their own hearts the Pharisees sensed that divorce was a questionable thing, even though Moses had granted it.

God has written His laws in the hearts of men, and though external laws may permit the deed, they still violate the law of God in their hearts and they are inwardly uneasy. They have neither peace nor rest in what they allow or do. It is not to be supposed that these Pharisees were all divorced men. They probably were not. But they may have been lustful and at times been tempted to wish they had another wife or their freedom to "look around." Whatever it was, it was a low approach and they knew it. Men will stoop to most anything to justify the lustful desires of their hearts.

Regardless of Moses' permission, regardless of the esteem and respect Israel had for Moses, there was an inward voice that told these men that divorce was wrong. Though they came to Jesus with an apparently ulterior motive to trap Him, inwardly they were seeking for justification of the deed they supported outwardly. They recognized holiness in Jesus, and their coming to Him with such a question was an exposé of their own lust-filled hearts. God had written His law in their hearts when He took Eve from Adam's side, and all the permissive laws of men could not erase it.

This is clearly shown by the Holy Spirit in Paul's letter to the Romans.

"And Jesus answered and said unto them, For the hardness of your heart he wrote you this precept. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female."—MARK 10:5, 6.

What God's Spirit has written on the table of man's heart, no amount of man's ordinances or decrees, though they be by kings, dictators or the servants of God Himself, can annul. We are without excuse, for as a man thinketh in his heart, he is. In fact, Jesus dug to the roots of this particular question when He said, "It was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: but I say unto you, That whosoever looketh upon a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart" (Matt. 5:27, 28).

Moses granted the privilege of divorce because of the hardness of men's hearts. What men want badly enough they will get. Men have never been able to raise a barrier big enough or strong enough to stop them. There is no hardness so great as that of the human heart and it breaks every obstacle before it to get its will. This holds true in the individual and in society. It is the root of war (Jas. 4:1).

All sorts of devices are manufactured to get around truth. There is the device of expediency, trying to make right for the moment what is wrong in principle. There is compromise, trying to make the lesser of two evils right. And finally we reach the stage of outbroken acceptance of wrong by adopting it as the custom of the day in which we live.

Hardness of heart is carefully camouflaged. The outward act may be years away but the start is begun when the heart lingers on that thing that God's Spirit checks. Soon it condones the wrong, then it may practice it. Only a hatred of evil maintained by holiness of life can

stem wickedness. To let down the bars of conviction by mutely condoning sin is to grant the crack that expands to the floodgate.

Our destiny is linked with our thoughts. Right thinking is essential in the individual and national life. "Thoughts are things," and as individuals God has warned us to keep our minds fixed upon those things that are honest, just, pure, lovely and of good report (Phil. 4:8)—in other words, to keep our minds on Him. We allow our thoughts to drift or wander at our peril. Controlling our thoughts is not a wishful thing but a deliberate practice. God has commanded us to bring every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ (2 Cor. 10:5). As Christians we have been exhorted to let the mind of Christ be in us—to yield obedience to God's directives (Phil. 2:5).

If as individuals and as a so-called Christian nation that claims to recognize the Bible we were to put these plain and comprehensible instructions into actual practice, our lives would be less complex, more stable, and all peoples would recognize that to individuals and to our nation our God is the Lord. Unless we do so our course will accelerate downward by the added weight of sin which we take on.

The time to break the hardness of our hearts is when it first begins. After it sets it is often too late. "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life" (Prov. 4:23). "Sow a thought and reap an act; sow an act and reap a habit; sow a habit and reap a character; sow a character and reap a destiny." ♦ ♦ ♦

The GI Who Became A Lay-missionary

*Phil Watts slumped over the wheel of his jeep.
He had been hit four times by bullets fired from ambush
by Moro brigands who knew he carried
the payroll for his employees in the timber camp at Ipil . . .*

IT was in Zamboanga Province in the Southern Philippines. At the first burst of shots Phil was wounded, but he quickly shifted gears to low range and the jeep leaped forward. Power was more important than speed on this narrow mountain road. Before he could gain the shelter of the next bend, another hail of bullets flamed in the darkness. One of them found a vital mark. Rev. Raymond Clemmer was seated between Phil and the paymaster. Immediately he grasped the steering wheel and reached for the accelerator. With great difficulty he kept the vehicle in the ruts and moving. The left front tire had been shot to ribbons and the wheels wobbled violently.

Only a few hundred yards up the hill the jeep ran off the road and stalled. Hastily but tenderly the two men lifted their friend's body from the driver's seat. Then Ray was able to use both hands for steering. A bullet hole through the radiator had emptied the water but the overheated motor kept running until they reached the camp.

Phil Watts' last act before he died was characteristic of him. Without regard for his wounds he promptly did the thing that made possible his friends' escape. A second's delay and they would have fallen into the hands of merciless killers.

At the camp that fateful morning Mr. Clemmer made radio contact with Zamboanga City, notifying his missionary colleagues and Mr. Watts' partner in the Watts Selective Philippine Timber Company, Mr. Ander-

son. In turn they carried the message to Mrs. Watts. Her composure and victorious faith caused everyone to marvel. Through the entire ordeal her bearing was a powerful testimony to Christ.

Bertha and Phil Watts had surrendered their lives to the Lord Jesus only a short while before Phil was called to serve in World War II. Newly married, they were living at the time in a house trailer. This enabled them to keep near the construction jobs on which he operated huge earth-moving machinery. After hours they were accustomed to seeking the usual places of worldly amusements. They were beginning, however, to realize that they were grasping for empty bubbles which always burst just as they touched them.

One night, to be different, Phil consented to go with Bertha to a little Baptist church in San Diego. As they listened to a faithful servant of God press home the claims of Christ they opened their hearts. What a change came over them. All the boundless energy Phil previously had devoted to pleasure he now turned to the service of the Lord. The words of the song, "Amazing Grace," seemed to him a perfect expression of his own feelings, and it became his favorite.

During the war Phil spent nineteen months in the Philippines with the 24th Engineers. At one time he drove a bulldozer from Cotabato to Davao City, clearing the roads for the army. On the way the dozer in front of Phil's hit a mine and was



Phil Watts in his jeep

blown to bits. Both the driver and his assistant were killed. Phil was convinced that God had spared his life for a purpose. From that time the conviction grew that God wanted him to return to the Philippines as a missionary.

In the course of time he came to love and appreciate the warm-hearted Filipino people. He noted the spiritual darkness and fear of death that haunted them. Always an outdoor man, he reveled in the vast tracts of virgin forests around him. Perhaps he indulged in dreams of these logs being cut and exported to markets all over the world.

At first Bertha was cold toward the idea of going to the Philippines, but soon she began to realize that it was not a passing fancy. Gradually she came to the place of glad surrender to God's will. The mission boards all required that their candidates for foreign service have more formal education than Phil had. He determined to enter school again, but in spite of the fact that he was an ex-GI every door seemed to slam in his face. He was baffled and disappointed but had no idea of giving up.

When some Christian friends suggested that God would have Phil go to the Philippines as a businessman, the idea seemed preposterous. But four friends put up \$5,000 each to help launch the enterprise. Phil sold his car and other belongings to raise another \$5,000, and in 1947 he landed in war-riddled Manila. With memories of the vast forests on the island of Mindanao, he asked the

Philippine government for a timber concession near Davao City. With their two small children, Phil and Bertha settled in this southern island and he began learning the logging business. At the same time they gave great encouragement and help to the struggling Alliance church.

Severe trials crossed their path. Their six-year-old son, Jerry, was taken suddenly ill and died. They had no money to pay funeral expenses, but the Lord provided for this emergency through missionary friends from Manila who stood with them and comforted them in their loss.

Business failure caused by misplaced trust in an associate hit them next. Without retaliating they turned their faces to the future. No ray of hope was in sight, but again the Lord had a way. He led Phil to a man in Manila who had a concession on Basilan Island and they started again from the beginning.

Slowly but surely the Lord led them and prospered the work of their hands. Many of their employees found Christ as Saviour. By hard work and frugal living, under God's blessing they were able to pull out of the red and pay back their indebtedness incurred in Davao.

But Phil did not wait until he was on easy street to start giving to missions. All along as the Lord provided he and Bertha invested in missions. Because of their faithfulness with the little they had, the Lord trusted them with more. Support for students in Bible schools, vehicles for missionaries in Cebu, lumber for a missionary compound, rent for missionaries in Manila—these were just a few of the projects. Phil gave generously to his own denominational work, but he had a heart large enough to take in faith missions and worthy individuals as well. Living in close contact with missionaries, he saw them as they are. He knew their heartbreaks and disappointments. Their falterings and their disagreements could not be hid from him. But unlike travelers who are sometimes shocked by these things and

who draw hasty conclusions, he continued to love and to give.

The Watts Selective Philippine Timber Company grew to be one of the largest of its kind in the islands. True to his calling, Phil stipulated that the profits should be channeled into missionary endeavor. His men loved and respected him for his fair dealings and his humility. He was interested in their problems and would stop to chat casually with the poorest of them. At first his associates in the business world thought it strange that he would refuse to drink and carouse with them. They learned to respect his stand and recognized him as a genuine Christian. It was while he was still living in Basilan Island that he was voted in 1955 the most popular employer on the island.

After years of getting along without things they needed, the Watts family finally moved into a comfortable, ranch-style house Phil built on the hill overlooking Zamboanga. Tired missionaries and national workers always found a welcome in that home.

Phil took delight in teaching his Sunday school class of college-age young people in The Christian and Missionary Alliance church. He was also adviser to the youth group. When Ebenezer Bible Institute began construction in its new location, Phil spent many hours leveling the ground, operating his bulldozer him-

self. Around the town he was known by his friendly smile and his flashy red Ford. There was nothing stuffy or put-on about Phil's Christianity. He lived to the full. In every way his life was having effect, influencing men for God.

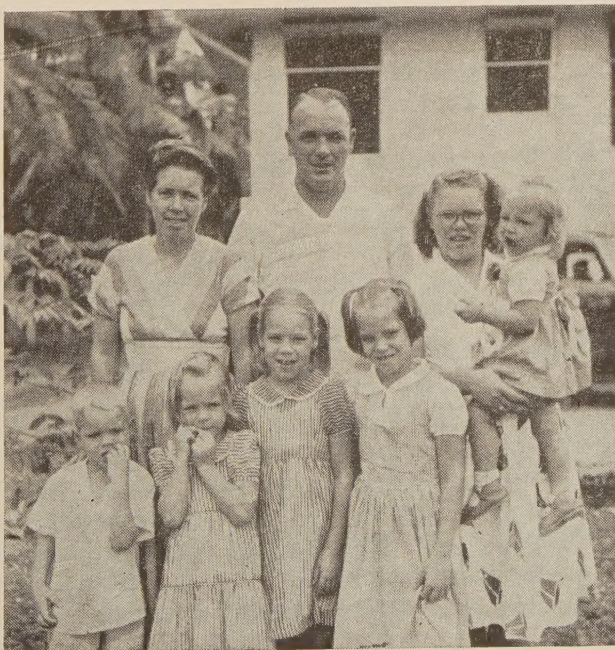
It is not surprising that the entire nation was stirred over the sudden and tragic death of this man. President Magsaysay was much disturbed at the news and sent orders for an "all-out campaign to capture his killers." Senator Lim left the opening session of Congress to fly to Zamboanga for the funeral. Business associates from far and near gathered to pay their last respects to their friend. This was thought to be the largest Protestant funeral ever held in that city. Mrs. Watts requested Rev. Roderic M. Landis, chairman of the Alliance Mission, to preach a simple gospel message. The impression on the audience was profound. Strong men wept as the Spirit moved upon their hearts. Mrs. Watts was heard to comment, "Phil probably gave a greater testimony for Christ in his death than he ever did in his life." Even the children took comfort in the fact that others were being drawn to Christ through their loss. One of them said, "It's a good thing that it wasn't the paymaster or the regular driver who got killed, because neither of them is ready to die like my daddy was."

(The driver was saved a few months later when a visiting missionary spoke to him of Christ's having died in his place.)

That Monday morning in January, 1957, Mrs. Clemmer awakened from sleep with a crushing burden upon her heart to pray for her husband. No thought of Phil's being in any danger crossed her mind as she poured out her heart to the Lord for Ray. (A bullet came close enough to tear his shirt and graze his side.) At the same time Mrs. Watts slept undisturbed. This circumstance coupled with the assurance in her heart makes her certain that this was God's time for Phil. God took him, and He does all

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Mrs. Watts courageously carries on with her family



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things well. Her cable to loved ones at home read: PHIL HAS GONE HOME TO BE WITH THE LORD. HE WAS AMBUSHED WITH THE COMPANY PAY-FOLL. DEATH ALMOST INSTANTANEOUS. . . . THE LORD IS MY STRENGTH. VICTORIOUSLY, BERTHA.

Taken in the prime of his life, leaving a widow and six children, his business flourishing and its profits supporting the Lord's work, there is only one explanation for this: "Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit."

Townpeople could not understand the very evident lack of display at the funeral. Without thinking twice Bertha had Phil's body dressed in a *barong-tagalog*, the dress costume of the Filipino men which Phil had adopted. Characteristically, too, she asked friends to give money to a memorial fund for a music building to be built on the campus of Ebenezer Bible Institute rather than send floral pieces.

Not all missionary-laymen are called to go to the field in person. Many are to be found in the homelands in partnership with God seeking to promote missions at home and abroad. Hundreds of men and



Margaret Simpson Buckman Dies

Mrs. Margaret Simpson Buckman, daughter of Dr. A. B. Simpson, founder of The Christian and Missionary Alliance, died Thursday, October 9. She was eighty-two years old and was the last of the family of five children.

Mrs. Buckman was born in Louisville, Ky., a short time before her father came to New York to serve a large Presbyterian church and later to found a world-wide missionary society. During most of her adult life she lived in California, returning about two years ago to Nyack, N. Y., where she had spent her childhood and youth.

As a young woman she wrote the music for many of Dr. Simpson's hymns, including "To the Regions Beyond." Some of the hymns were played at the funeral service held on October 13 in Nyack. Dr. C. Donald McKaig, pastor of the Simpson Memorial Church, conducted the service. Interment was in Oak Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. Buckman was the widow of George Buckman, and is survived by a son, George.

women are investing many hours in the ministry of intercession. A businessman was telling me not long ago of the joy he had in helping a young man through his theological training. When he heard the student speaking under the anointing of the Holy Spirit he exclaimed, "I feel that I have an investment in that man, and it's beginning to pay off."

Do you have investments like these? From the inspiration and example of Phil Watts' life I believe the Lord will raise up a crop of missionary-laymen who will take upon themselves the responsibility of spreading the gospel. They will regard it as much their task as it is the task of those who go forth to preach. ♦ ♦ ♦



A BULWARK NEVER FAILING

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ly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me." My heart leaped within me. I went to my wife's side and read it to her. She was very weak but opened her eyes and said, "I have perfect peace." There was no other passage marked.

Several days later a Baptist minister, a man of God, came in to pray with my wife. I told him the strange experience we had with the Word. He asked to see it. When I handed the Bible to him I saw a strange expression pass over his face and then with trembling lips he said, "Brother Isch, that is my wife's marking. She occupied this room several months ago and has gone home to be with her Lord." "How wonderful," I said, "that even though God has called her home, He is still using her to bring comfort and help to another of His children."

The morning of the day they took my wife to surgery, Miss Petersen, our secretary, who is very close to my wife, awakened early and drew a card from the "promise box" alongside her bed. She then turned on the light and read these wonderful words, "And the Lord said unto Moses, Is the Lord's hand waxed short? thou shalt see now whether my word shall come to pass unto thee or not." She called us immediately. This along with the other passages brought peace and comfort.

When they brought my wife from the operating room they informed me that they had removed a gallstone from the small intestine. It was as big as a pullet egg.

I asked one of the doctors how long that stone was in the making, when did it get into the stomach and how. He raised both hands and said "Oh, wait a minute, one at a time." He then said, "God has given us a wonderful body, and nature, as some would say, knows how to take care of itself. When the gall bladder could no longer tolerate the stone it automatically moved over to the wall of the stomach, knowing that is where the stone had to be disposed of." He continued, "We do not know exactly how long it took for that stone to become so large, neither do we know when it got over into the stomach. That could have taken place Sunday night, December 22, when she had that violent attack." Afterward he explained that the stone pushed its way into the stomach. The stomach in trying to dispose of it sent it into the small intestine where it blocked everything. If it had stayed there two hours longer, he believes, the blockage would have been fatal.

Shortly after this one of our sons wanted a certain book for an illustration. I did not have it so handed him another. When he opened it he read these words:

*"The battle raged, the canons roared,
I stood to see the fight—
And, lo, behold, I saw the Lord,
Revealed before my sight.
'Twas He who fought and won the day—
'Twas He who gave the word:
'Stand still, my child, stand still, I say,
And yet another word I heard,
'Twas only this: 'Obey.'"*

"Stand still. . . . The battle is not your's, but God's" (Ex. 14:13; 2 Chron. 20:15).

Battle, warfare, warning, promises, strange doctors; but the right doctor, the right hospital, the right room where God had the right Bible marked so that we would not miss His assuring us that He had not forgotten. Praise His wonderful name.

My wife is continually improving. Our chief concern now is that we do not miss the mark. We want to hear His voice in all things and just "obey." ♦ ♦ ♦



DAVID R. ENLOW, Editor

AT HOME

Church installs Churchman's Academy: A new educational program called "The Churchman's Academy" has been established in Chicago's downtown King Lutheran Church, of which Dr. Lloyd L. Burke is pastor. "It is a modest attempt to provide a meeting place for God, man, ideas and service," explained Burke, director of the program. "The name 'Churchman's Academy,' is derived from the Protestant academies in Germany," he said. "These are lay institutes in which people from the same walks of life come together to discuss the relevance of the Word of God and the Christian faith for their daily living."

New Baptist seminary chapel dedicated: A new chapel and expanded library has been dedicated on the premises of the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary in Chicago. Howel Chapel, representing an investment of \$300,000, paid entirely by freewill offerings of individuals and churches of the denomination, contains four classrooms besides the seating area. A renovated library of 50,000 volumes occupies the first floor of Wilkinson Hall on the seminary grounds, west of Chicago's Loop area.

Taylor University hits peak enrollment: Taylor University's enrollment of 691 students for the fall semester is an all-time high, marking a 16 per cent increase over last year's total of 593. The large increase was made possible with the completion of the new Samuel Morris Residence Hall for men, and the Storer Food Service Center, which houses the ultramodern Edward Camp Memorial Dining Room.

Episcopal bishop dies in pulpit: The Rt. Rev. Karl Morgan Block, Episcopal Bishop of California, stood up in Grace Cathedral at San Francisco recently to deliver an ordination address to a group of young priests. A seizure struck him as he turned to his audience and said, "And now . . ." A moment later he was dead—two months short of retirement. He was seventy-one.

Winona Lake announces board changes: At a recent meeting the board of the Winona Lake Bible Conference elected Dr. J. Palmer Muntz, Buffalo, N. Y., as president of the corporation. Muntz had previously resigned as director of the conference after holding that post for twenty years. B. D. Zondervan, Grand Rapids, Mich., was named to the board to succeed Dr. Lloyd Knox,

manager of the Free Methodist Publishing House, Winona Lake, Ind., who resigned.

ABROAD

Tent meetings successful in Italy: In what has been described as the first tent campaign in Italy, fifteen persons have professed faith under the ministry of Royal and Elizabeth Peck, who preached for two weeks to an average crowd of 200 people. The Pecks are affiliated with the Greater Europe Mission, of Chicago, Ill.

Urgent call for Christian physicians: Faced with a rare opportunity in medical evangelism due to the critical shortage of physicians, several church groups at Jakarta in the Islamic nation of Indonesia, have issued an urgent call for Christian doctors to respond while the door remains open. Need is so great that many Moslems are readily turning to Christian physicians. In some areas one doctor serves a community of from 500,000 to 650,000.

MISSIONS

Missionary killed in South America: A Mennonite missionary in Paraguay died at the hands of savage Morro Indians he and fellow missionaries were seeking to reach with Christianity. Rev. Kornelius Isaak, serving under the Mennonite Brethren Church Board of Foreign Missions, died on September 11 from a wound inflicted by the Morros the previous day.

PEOPLE

Businessman named to assist YFC president: Charles R. Hennix, a veteran of forty-two years' service with the Elgin National Watch Company, has been named assistant to Dr. Ted W. Engstrom, president of Youth for Christ International.

Quits job to dig wells for missionaries: John L. Wesley, Jr., has given up an \$11,000-a-year job as a water supply expert for a Frankfort, Ky., consulting engineering firm to dig water wells in Africa. "To tell the truth," he said, "I was quite surprised that I could be used. It was news to me that engineers were needed on the mission field."

Hymn composer dies: Rev. George Bennard, eighty-five, a retired minister and composer of the hymn, "The Old Rugged Cross," died October 10 at Reed City Hospital, Reed City, Mich., after a brief illness.

THE PRESS

Redpath, Eugenia Price to address EPA: Speakers scheduled for the annual convention of the Evangelical Press Association in Chicago next January 27 and 28, include Rev. Alan Redpath, pastor of Moody Memorial Church, and Miss Eugenia Price, author and former script-writer for the Pacific Garden Mission broadcast, "Unshackled." Mel Larson will deliver the presidential message. Devotional speaker for Wednesday morning will be Dr. William Culbertson, president of Moody Bible Institute.



WELDON B. BLACKFORD, Editor

Preparing for Youth Week

We asked our Home Secretary, Rev. H. E. Nelson, to prepare a spiritual word for AYFers in anticipation of their Youth Week observance. We are pleased to present that message here.

When we read of David's early success, and especially his victory over Goliath, there comes to mind two old sayings: "What your hands find to do, do with all your might," and "What is worth doing is worth doing well." Both of these call for diligent and daring application to a chosen or appointed task. David, though perhaps unacquainted with these sayings, practiced their principle.

Alone with his sheep out in the hills David could have shirked some of the more unpleasant aspects of his work and no one would have known the difference. He might, if he had chosen, have avoided danger. But he refused to allow either the bear or the lion to take off with a lamb. Rather he risked injury and perhaps death in an unnoticed and unapplauded struggle in giving all that he had to his responsibilities.

There came a day when David was called home and chosen over his brethren to be king. This choice carried with it a holy anointing for power, for preservation and for promotion. It was a spiritual and God-given anointing.

Later David was sent on an errand. He was to take corn with ten loaves of bread to his brethren, and ten cheeses to their captain. Without excuse or complaint this courageous shepherd, the anointed one, gave himself to that which his hands found to do, even though it was a most menial service. His was a humble ministry.

The holy record tells us that upon reaching the arena of conflict, David shouted for the battle. His was the only shout in the camp. He believed in his God and in His cause, and that with enthusiasm. His was the advance shout of victory.

There was in David's heart an honesty which prevented his transferring his confidence from the Lord to the untried, ill-fitting armor of the king. David frankly said, "I cannot go with these." He maintained his trust in the Lord and in the rightness of His cause.

So under the anointing of God, David, courageous and undaunted

in a humble, matter-of-fact sort of way, felled Goliath, the giant. By so doing he brought the victory cry to the throats of the thousands of soldiers who had wanted to win but who did not have what it took.

Here then are some essential factors for those who would achieve: *courage, anointing, humility, enthusiasm and honesty.*

It is the fervent prayer and earnest desire of the Home Secretary that these outstanding traits of the young man David shall in a very great measure characterize Alliance youth everywhere. May the ministry of Youth Week serve to impart strong, courageous Christian character, as exemplified by David, to large numbers of our young people.

"Seek Peace"

"Depart from evil and do good; seek peace, and pursue it" (Psa. 34:14).

Two friends had a quarrel. One stalked away angry. The other stood looking at him for some time. Then he ran after him, stopped him, and apologized for his part of the argument. After they had made up their differences and shaken hands, the man who had walked away inquired, "Why did you run after me to apologize when most of the fault was mine?" "Well," replied the other, "a verse from the Bible came to my mind. 'Seek peace, and pursue it.' I had been willing to seek peace, but not to pursue it until I saw you going from me."—J. A. S.

Launching AYF's Big Event of the Year

During the month of November young people in The Christian and Missionary Alliance will be looking forward to the biggest event on the national AYF calendar.

There are two phases to this event. All our churches will be uniting in the observance of National AYF Sunday, November 23. This is immediately followed by the observance of National Youth Week, November 24-30, when AYFers will join in spiritual activity and fellowship.

We have entered an era of flying missiles, rockets and satellites in orbit. This background of outer space activity has been chosen for our 1958 Youth Week programing. The familiar terms used by science in conquering outer space have been chosen as themes for building a spiritual program and activity for the week.

National AYF Sunday and Youth Week are being promoted in each of our districts through the District Youth Secretary. A special release has been sent to the District offices for distribution. This outlines a complete program for the local AYF in observance of this event, and should be in the hands of all our pastors and AYF presidents. If you have not received your copy of this material, contact your District Youth Secretary immediately.



DVBS on the Amazon

By REV. FRED KOWALCHUK, Peru

Weeks ahead of time we began to announce in Sunday school and church services the coming of vacation Bible school at Iquitos. As the days drew near we had handbills printed which members of the congregation distributed with enthusiasm. The adults were encouraged to invite their neighbors' children and bring them along with their own. We also made arrangements to have the school announced three times daily over the radio during the period the DVBS was in progress.

After all these preparations we began to speculate as to what the attendance would be on the first day. My faith was only good for sixty children but my wife was hoping for ninety. To be on the safe side we had rented two extra rooms next to the church. Monday's attendance would indicate whether we would need them or not.

Although we arrived early children were already milling around our rented hall. Before opening time I knew that my guess had

fallen far short, because parents kept bringing children to be registered. Others came by themselves. One teacher brought twenty-five children a distance of half a mile. Our little building seemed to bulge. A total of two hundred and twenty-six happy and excited youngsters were finally enrolled, and the average attendance was one hundred and fifty.

Most of them did not know any evangelical songs—would they sing along with the rest? They certainly did! They sang loudly enough to waken babies from their midmorning naps almost a block away. The neighbors were patient though, and did not complain. At first it was hard for the new children to remain quiet and keep their eyes closed during prayer, but they learned. As the lessons were presented day by day God made His way clear to these little folk and before the school closed fifty children invited Jesus into their hearts.

The closing exercises can hardly be described. We had a house full of children to start with; where could we put the proud parents? We put most of the children in back rooms but we still ran out of seats and space. It was impossible to accommodate the three hundred adults who attended. Those who did not come early had to stand on the sidewalk or in the street.

The school was worth all the hard work. Our Sunday school attendance now averages around one hundred and thirty, double our former attendance. Already we are beginning to plan our next Bible school to be held in January or February. The first three months of the year are the vacation months

here. We are hoping to make final settlements for the purchase of land in Iquitos this month, and if all goes well it may be possible to hold the DVBS on our own lot.

God is also blessing a daily ministry in the newspaper as well as a radio ministry on a local station that can be heard short wave in practically all of Peru. We are indeed grateful to all who have stood with us in prayer as we entered this great inland port and jungle center. Iquitos with its more than 60,000 inhabitants needs the ministry of Alliance missionaries. We count on your continued prayers and interest.

Never Too Old

By MRS. E. F. IRWIN, Viet Nam

Being elderly and retired does not mean that a person cannot witness for the Lord. "What is age but life's full bloom, and riper, more transcendent youth."

One day three Christian gentlemen—two nearly seventy-five years old and the other eighty-one, all members of the Tourane Church—came to get some literature to distribute while witnessing for Christ in villages near Tourane. Before they left they went to the home of an elderly lady who has been a Christian for nearly forty years and asked her to pray for them. Although ninety-two years of age and paralyzed in her left arm and leg, this old saint is known for her life of intercession.

After prayer together these three men started out witnessing. A few days later they returned, rejoicing and praising God for fifteen persons who had come to Christ through their testimony.

Some children came by boat to the DVBS in Iquitos, Peru, which registered over 200 children



F. KOWALCHUK



Missionaries in conference in Ecuador with Dr. H. L. Turner

Tent Evangelism in Viet Nam

By REV. I. R. STEBBINS

God has signally blessed in the sixteen evangelistic campaigns which have been held in Central Viet Nam. A gospel team of six persons traveled with a large tent in which five hundred people can be seated. A Vietnamese evangelist, two colporteurs, a tent keeper, an electrician and a missionary made up the team.

From January until the rainy season (August) the tent has been in use. It will be stored for a few months, but in January a new series of campaigns will be undertaken.

The purpose of these campaigns is to take the gospel message to areas that have not yet been reached. Mr. Thuc was the evangelist. Before each evening service one of the team always held a meeting for children, using flannelgraph material to attract their attention. After the evangelistic message, another team member would give an illustrated talk on the meaning of being a Christian.

In this manner people living in eight provinces of Central Viet Nam heard the message of salvation for the first time. A missionary was always present to encourage the national workers and to pray with them. Each day the colporteurs distributed tracts and invited people for miles around to attend the services. In most places great crowds gathered in the evenings. Government officials coöperated graciously and helped in maintaining order. There were many clear-cut conversions, and at least five new churches have come into being. These new groups show real promise of bear-

ing fruit that will remain. In some places not too far from Vietnamese churches the pastors have been able to conduct follow-up programs that have proved effective.

Known decisions for Christ during this series number 675. In the sixteen centers where the tent was set up, a new impetus was given for more widespread evangelism on the part of the churches that are adjacent to these previously untouched areas. It seems clear that tent evangelism conducted by gospel teams is an effective way to start new churches.

There is a tremendous need for more Vietnamese evangelists that can carry this great responsibility. Through such men the nation can be aroused to hear the call of Christ. Prayer for this ministry and for men to conduct it ought to be upon the hearts of God's people as they remember this land before the Throne of Grace.

Causes for Praise in Gabon

During the past conference year special stress was laid on translation work in the eleven languages of the field. The Bapounou people will have the entire New Testament in the near future.

There were 125 baptisms this year. Last year there were only fifty-seven. We praise the Lord for this great increase.

French schools were conducted this year on two stations. The building units for our French school at Bongolo have been completed, including classrooms, dormitories and homes for the two teachers.

Work has been completed on our Bible school building and the second dormitory unit. This past year Bible schools were held in the districts in order to instruct village teachers and others. These schools proved to be a real blessing and much interest was shown.

Five of the seven stations now have Sunday schools. The total average attendance is 695.

The ministry to the sick in Mission dispensaries continues to draw in many to hear the gospel while they are being treated.

During this past year a church building has been completed at Tchibanga annex and a national pastor is now appointed to this work.

The district of Franceville, in the eastern area of the field, continues to bear upon the hearts of the missionaries. There are some 36,500 persons in this section and there is the likelihood of a sharp increase in population because of the discovery of magnesium and uranium.

Gabon missionaries in their 1958 conference



THE GROWING SUNDAY SCHOOL

MAVIS L. ANDERSON, Editor

Enrollment Prepares for Growth

One of the first things to attract my attention in a church is the Sunday school register board. As I was looking at the board in one church I noticed the remarkable fact that the "Attendance for Today" almost equaled the "Enrollment." The superintendent remarked with a good deal of pride, "We don't have any dead wood—ours is a live enrollment."

But is it? Since the Sunday school is one of the best means the church has to reach the unsaved, and since we can expect some lag in attendance among those who are not as yet established in the Christian faith, it is only natural that the attendance should be less than the enrollment—even in a healthy, thriving Sunday school. Remember, the Sunday school has the only all-inclusive membership in the church. When the Sunday school record shows the enrollment and the attendance on a par, one of two things has happened:

Names have been carelessly removed when attendance has become irregular; or for every absentee in the Sunday school you have a visitor to take his place. This is very unlikely.

The tendency to remove names from the roll usually stems from an emphasis on 100 per cent attendance. In order to reach this goal, the roll of irregular members is pared down. Often it is done to encourage banners for perfect attendance. How much better it would be to place the emphasis on an increase in average attendance rather than on perfect attendance.

Enrollment prepares the way for growth because it gives pupils a sense of belonging. All human beings desire to associate with others

in a common cause. As a member of a class it is only natural that one will feel more loyal to it and more responsible for its growth.

Enrollment prepares the way for growth because it gives teachers a sense of responsibility. As soon as a visitor or prospect has been enrolled he becomes the personal responsibility of the teacher who in many instances may be the only contact the pupil has with the gospel. A growing enrollment is a growing challenge to the teacher to extend his activities beyond the classroom.

Enrollment prepares the way for growth because it is a challenge to the entire church as to the possibilities for evangelism represented by Sunday school contacts. If the enrollment is 200 and the "Attendance for Today" is 148, it should say to every member, "There are fifty-two people who have shown enough interest in this Sunday school to be enrolled, who have been kept away today by any number of reasons, and who have special needs which can be met." The alert pastor and superintendent will use the enrollment as a means of stimulating interest in the visitation program of the church. It is a constant reminder of the need and the responsibility that faces each one.

Enrollment prepares the way for growth because it is the basis for setting up the mechanics of a record system which is so essential for growth. Records tell not only where we have been and where we are now but, if properly used, where we are going in the days ahead.

The enrollment may be built up in many ways. Here are a few suggestions:

1. Survey for prospects. One out of every five families moves every year, so an annual survey should be made in most communities.

2. Use the Sunday school class members. Each class should build up its own responsibility list and plan for visitation.

3. Set up a plan to contact all visitors to church services.

4. Use weekday activities. Many who will not come to your church will attend a class meeting or a neighborhood Bible study group.

5. Use Cradle Roll and Home Department contacts to locate prospects.

6. Get new members busy enrolling others. New members are often most receptive to the challenge. Use them!

7. Keep them enrolled.

Names should be removed from the roll only when the persons move out of town, die, regularly attend another Sunday school or specifically ask to have their names removed. No name should be removed by the teacher, but only on recommendation of the executive committee of the Sunday school. If the member still resides in the community, a six-month period should be allowed for visitation and follow-up before the name is placed on an inactive enrollment.

Yes, the Sunday school enrollment prepares the way for a growing Sunday school. Every name added to the roll represents an individual who may be won for Christ. Let's cultivate a field large enough for a growing, soulwinning Sunday school!

MEMO TO THE SUPERINTENDENT

Through various communications we have kept you posted concerning our enrollment increase goal for this fall—15 per cent. The late fall offers many good opportunities to make new contacts through the activities of the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons.

Remember that Cradle Roll and Home Department members are included in the enrollment. Although all Sunday schools do not include these two departments on the enrollment which is posted on the board, they should always be included in the total membership of the school.

If you have not received our bulletin, "Records Tell the Story," we have one for you. Write National Sunday School Office, 260 W. 44th St., New York 36, N. Y.



CLIFFORD E. HARROD, Reporter

News reports may be sent direct to Rev. C. E. Harrod, The Christian and Missionary Alliance Church, 1426 Wake Forest Rd., Raleigh, N. C.

To the Fields

Miss Evelyn L. Argile, Rev. and Mrs. G. F. Kleinhen and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Livingston and son, Stephen, sailed from New York October 10.

Miss Argile, appointed to the Tribes of Viet Nam Mission, is a member of South Side C. & M. A. Church in Chicago, Ill. She has her B.A. degree from Houghton College and was graduated from Nyack Missionary College. She will be stationed at Dalat.

Mr. and Mrs. Kleinhen, Viet Nam, are graduates of Fort Wayne Bible College and Taylor University. They are members of the Alliance church in Lima, Ohio. They will be stationed in Vinh Long for language study.

Mr. and Mrs. Livingston, also appointed to Viet Nam, are members of the East Lake Alliance Church, Birmingham, Ala. Both are graduates of Asbury College and of Nyack Missionary College. They have served in the Marietta, Ga., Alliance church for the past two years.

Miss Esther R. Snyder left San Francisco on October 5, returning to the Philippines. She will teach in the school for missionaries' children in Zamboanga City.



Esther R. Snyder
Philippines

Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Kowles and children, Elizabeth and Timothy, sailed on October 18 for the Philippines.

They will be in charge of the receiving home and office in Manila. Their two eldest children, Robert and Ruth, are remaining at home to complete their education.

Miss Lavinia McCart sailed from San Francisco on October 18, returning to Cambodia.

On Furlough

Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Breaden arrived in San Francisco on October 12 from Syria-Lebanon.

Rev. and Mrs. James W. Nabors

arrived in New York October 13 from Thailand.

Mrs. Richard E. Ward and children, Eric, Dionne and Dale, arrived in New York on September 22, having been evacuated from Jordan. Mr. Ward will follow at a later date.

The New Generation

To Rev. and Mrs. Samuel Wilson, Lima, Peru, a son, Samuel Brian, October 1.

To Rev. and Mrs. N. B. Penland, West Palm Beach, Fla., a son, Jonathan Stephen, on September 23.

To Dr. and Mrs. Sytze Smit, Baliem Valley, New Guinea, a son, Ype Gerard, on September 27.

Marriages

Miss Marian Bucher, of the Ecuador Mission, was united in marriage on October 3 to Mr. Robert Alan Reed in Quito. Mr. Reed is the son of the late missionary, William Reed, founder of the Guayaquil church, and is an active Christian layman in Ecuador.

With the Lord

It was just short of the century mark in the life of Agnes Killer when the Lord called her home September 15. She was born in Truro, N.S., January 30, 1859, of Scotch-Irish stock. Truro is not far distant from Prince Edward Island where Dr. A. B. Simpson was born, and Miss Killer had come under the influence of that godly man's life.

In May, 1899, she sailed from New York for missionary service in Belgian Congo. While she was somewhat older than is usual for the beginning of service in a foreign field, yet she rendered a most effective ministry there for over thirty years. Her last term ended June 20, 1932.

Miss Killer was one of a host of devoted women who have, down through the centuries, faithfully followed and served the Lord Jesus. Hers was not a spectacular ministry. She was not widely acclaimed as a platform speaker, and in fact never became widely known even in Alliance circles. However, she was dearly beloved by all who knew her. The people of the Congo church will mourn her passing, for her interest in that field never abated and up until the day of her death her mind remained clear and active and her memory almost phenomenal.

The outstanding feature of her life and ministry was faithfulness. I like the old-fashioned word for that characteristic—"fealty," which means "fidelity and loyalty to one's lord." The Lord of Miss Killer's life was Jesus Christ.

When she went to the field conditions there were primitive indeed. The death rate among the missionaries had been appalling and the results meager. But God gave the increase and today there is a large, self-governing church. Miss Killer had the joy of seeing many of the results.

While on furlough Miss Killer made
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Letters

Pro and Con

The spark for this note came after reading Mr. Downey's article on "Triumph out of Tragedy" (Oct. 8). This thrilled my heart for I have believed this for quite some time now, and the clarity of his logic, to me, is beyond dispute. My firm conviction is that such teaching certainly should have a greater prominence in our ministry than it has. What under heaven will our people say at the judgment when after having been lulled to sleep with the sedative of "escapism" (as Mr. Downey calls it) they find themselves having to face something for which they are not prepared while on this earth? May the Lord put something in our backbones these days, and enable us to stand for just what the Word gives us.—REV. E. D. PINNEY, Youngwood, Pa.

I not only strongly disagree with the eschatological views but would also question the validity of the appeal of the article. Surely few will question the plainly revealed truth in Scripture that the Kingdom of our victorious Christ will follow the horrors of the Great Tribulation. However, many will refuse to be robbed of the glorious prospect of the imminent appearing of Christ to have their attention turned to the threat of having to endure the outpouring of the wrath of God upon the earth during the time of Jacob's Trouble.

The author would lead us to believe that the lukewarm, carnal state of the church today is due to "a slushy philosophy of easy escapism from coming tribulation." Among other great Bible students, Dr. A. B. Simpson believed and wrote in the fine book, *The Coming One* (p. 128), referring to the Great Tribulation, "It will therefore precede the public manifestation of the Lord Jesus Christ in His glorious Epiphany, and follow the Parousia of the Son of Man when His church shall be withdrawn to meet Him in the air and the holy dead shall be united with them in the first resurrection."

To those who really love His appearing, who regard the imminent return of our Lord as a purifying hope and seek to occupy till He comes, threats of having to go through the Great Tribulation are unlikely to cause much anxiety. It is to be regretted, however, that young people going to some Bible colleges come out often so confused that they lose the precious experience of preaching boldly the glorious truths of our Lord's return. I for one do not want to be ashamed at His appearing and will continue to pray and work and believe God for revival and continue to look for His any-moment appearing to take His chosen Bride to be forever with Himself.—REV. E. S. McVET, Winnipeg, Man., Canada.

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THE ALLIANCE WITNESS

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her home for the most part in Toronto and it was there she retired. She was of an independent (yet kindly) nature and disliked being a burden to anyone. The accommodations for elderly ladies were limited and she kept house much of the time in a one-room apartment. Mrs. Mason and I had the privilege in 1945 of being able to set apart a room in our home where she could have her own furnishings and she lived there as a member of our family. When we speak of her graces we speak from personal knowledge. She was a witty, dignified, dainty little lady, and a joy to have around.

Some time after we had to move to New York City in 1946, an opportunity was afforded for Miss Killer to go to the Suppes Memorial Home in Glendale, Calif. She was very happy in the beautiful surroundings and comfort, and enjoyed sweet fellowship with other retired missionaries. However, her stay in Glendale was not without severe testing. She became paralyzed from the waist down and needed the constant care of a nurse. She was able to be lifted into a wheel chair in midmorning and brought to the dining room for the midday meal.

In spite of her handicaps she continued to carry on a large correspondence and to "adorn the doctrine of Christ." Finally, the chair had to be given up because the bones of the leg had softened and a separation occurred near the hip. She lay with her leg in traction, and a report from the Home states that she had pain but no complaints. We understand that the doctor had visited her a day or two before she passed away, and after examination said she could again use the chair, and she rejoiced greatly. But the Lord had other plans.

The world greatly needs such humble, loyal souls, who like Paul live for God and spread abroad the fragrance of the Master like a sweet perfume.—DAVID MASON.

Mrs. Mangham Re-elected

Mrs. T. G. Mangham, Sr., of Maitland, Fla., was re-elected president of the Women's Missionary Fellowship of the Southeastern District on September 17 when one hundred delegates met representing churches in Florida, Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi. The meeting was held in conjunction with the 50th annual District and Prayer Conference in session at West Palm Beach.

Elected to serve with Mrs. Mangham were Mrs. R. Mills Gray, Savannah, Ga., vice-president, and Miss Mary Jean Williams, Miami, secretary-treasurer.

Reception for Centenarian

Nearly 150 friends of Mr. Joseph F. Hoerl met in the Alliance Church of Stockton, Calif., on September 15 to honor him on the occasion of his one hundredth birthday. Mr. Hoerl, said to be the oldest living native of Stock-

ton, is a charter member of the local church, having been associated with it since about 1890. He served for many years as a director and elder and still holds the position of elder-emeritus. A builder and contractor in his earlier life, he remodeled his house for a meeting place for the congregation many years ago. He also built the present brick edifice in the 1920's. His wife, Nellie, passed away about one year ago.

One of Mr. Hoerl's daughters, Faith, married Rev. A. M. Loptson and became a missionary under the Alliance to China and the Philippines with her husband. Two of his grandsons are also missionaries: Mr. G. P. Loptson, of Ecuador, and Mr. M. E. Loptson, of Lebanon-Syria.

Revival Comes to Nyack

The entire student body of more than five hundred at Nyack Missionary College had expectant hearts as they began a week of services on September 28. Rev. E. S. Brinkman, pastor of the Gospel Tabernacle at Erie, Pa., was God's messenger. A week of early-morning prayer meetings had prepared the way for God to work. The first message exalted God as the Author of the supernatural, and each morning in the chapel hour and again in the evening the truth was presented from an obviously burdened heart with striking forcefulness. Young people sought God publicly and privately. The faculty, staff and hillside friends shared in the blessing of scores of testimonies.

The college announces a special Christian Education conference which is being planned for November 14 and 15. The main speaker will be Dr. Clyde W. Meadows, minister at Chambersburg, Pa.

Church in Rutland, Vt., Grows

The new extension work in Rutland, Vt., has grown in less than two years to a congregation of about thirty-five, with two of its young people attending Nyack Missionary College this fall.

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Evelyn Argile
Tribes, Viet Nam



Lavinia McCart
Cambodia



Rev. and Mrs. G. F. Kleinhen
Viet Nam



Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Livingston and son
Viet Nam

Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Kowles and family, Philippine Islands



Sunday

MATTHEW 24:27-51 (verse 45).

Christ's first act at His coming will be to call His servants before Him in judgment. Then shall the faithful ministers receive a great reward. . . . This is the promise which speaks of the servants who shall be found true to His message and His flock. But, oh, how awful the doom of the false minister, of the man who has ignored the truth of the Lord's coming and . . . has yielded to ambition and self-aggrandizement and been drawn into the spirit of controversy and worldliness.—A. B. SIMPSON.

Monday

LUKE 11:1-13 (verse 9).

Faith learns quietly to wait God's time as well as God's deliverance. Sometimes the very power to continue in prayer is itself a grand and gracious answer, for it is our nature to grow weary all too soon. Into the poured-out heart God can and will put a peace and a joy of which the prayerless soul knows nothing.—SELECTED.

Tuesday

PSALM 44 (verse 21).

There is no darkness nor shadow of death that can conceal the hypocrite; but out it will come at last, let him use all the art he has to hide it. . . . If men's works be not good, it is impossible they should be hid long. A gilded piece of brass may pass from hand to hand a little while, but the touchstone will discover the base metal; and if that does not, the fire will.—JOHN FLAVEL.

Wednesday

EPHESIANS 3:13-21 (verse 19).

*For Thy goodness, O my Saviour,
I would praise Thee o'er and o'er;
May the Holy Spirit teach me
How to love Thee more and more.*

*Raging tempest, rolling billow,
Thou hast brought me safely o'er;
Thou hast led me, safely led me,
And I long to love Thee more.*

—L. EDWARDS.

Thursday

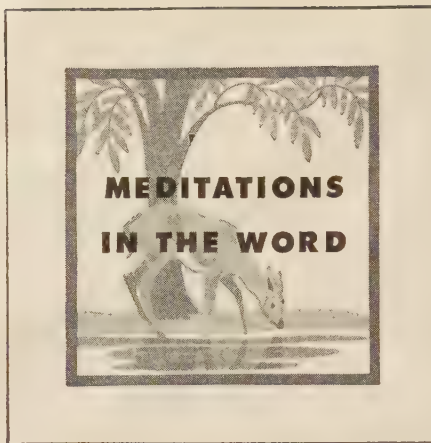
GENESIS 23:10-20 (verse 10).

Ephron, like Abraham, was a stranger in a strange land, the Hittites occupying the territory between Mesopotamia, Abraham's old home, and Canaan. Naturally there was a kindred feeling in his heart for one in like circumstances with himself and he most gladly ministered to the need of his companion in a far country. One always knows better how to sympathize with and minister to another who is traveling identical paths with himself. Natural sympathy is the child of common need. Only grace lengthens horizons.—PAMELL.

Friday

PSALM 147:11-20 (verse 11).

It is possible for each of us today to bring some new joy to the heart of the eternal Father. What then does this mean in



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terms of the experiences and attitudes of this day? . . . It means that we shall be afraid to bring sorrow to the heart of God by harboring sinful thoughts, cherishing unloving attitudes, indulging in the trifling or hurtful words, or by deeds that violate the will and love of God. For God takes pleasure in them that fear Him.—SELECTED.

Saturday

MATTHEW 8:1-13 (verse 3).

A young girl was asked how she became a Christian. She said she read in the Bible about the leper who said, "Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean." Jesus put forth His hand and touched him and said, "I will; be thou clean." The girl said she noticed there was an *if* in what the leper said, but no *if* in what Jesus said, "So I knelt down and prayed, and I took out the *if*. I said, 'Lord Jesus, You can, You will, make me clean.' And Jesus took me just as I was."—OUR YOUNG PEOPLE.

Sunday

MATTHEW 25:1-14 (verse 2).

The wise virgins represent those Christians who have not only accepted Christ as Saviour, but have received the baptism with the Holy Ghost and been brought into a personal relation with Christ Himself as an abiding source of light and power. The foolish virgins represent the great multitude in the church of God who are willing to remain on a lower plane and fail to press on into the fullness of Christ. When the Master comes it is too late to rectify their mistake. . . . They are excluded from the marriage feast.—A. B. SIMPSON.

Monday

JOHN 21 (verse 17).

If any man should testify to the power and goodness of God in his life, I think I am that man. And my testimony to you is this: Trust in God. Still trust in God. And though He slays you—still trust in Him. All things are in His hands. All the keys are at His girdle. And we have His oath that all things shall work together for good to them that love Him.—ALEXANDER WHYTE.

Tuesday

PSALM 45 (verse 2).

O fair sun, and fair moon, and fair stars, and fair flowers, and fair roses, and fair lilies; but O ten thousand thousand times fairer Lord Jesus! Alas! I have wronged Him in making the comparison this way. O black sun and moon! but O fair Jesus! O black flowers, and black lilies, and roses! but O fair, fair, ever fair, Lord Jesus! O black heaven! but O fair Christ! O black angels! but O surpassingly fair Lord Jesus.—SAMUEL RUTHERFORD.

Wednesday

REVELATION 21:16-27 (verses 22,23).

*No need of the sun in that glory-filled
land,*

*The sun would itself there be dim!
That land where the shadows or twilight
ne'er come,*

Where the light and glory are "Him."

*No need for the moon in that wonderful
land,*

*For there it can never be night;
No need of the candle for those who are
there,*

The Lord Himself giveth them light.

—J. DANSON SMITH.

Thursday

GENESIS 24:1-9 (verse 1).

This was the over-all picture of God's dealings with Abraham: He had blessed him in all things. A writer with more limited vision of ultimate good most probably would have made exception of some of the patriarch's seemingly adverse circumstances: famine, dire difficulty with Pharaoh and Abimelech because of Sarah's beauty, the proposed offering up of Isaac and many other of the unpleasant vicissitudes of life; but not God. He views and orders circumstances with ultimate good in view.—PAMELL.

Friday

1 PETER 1:1-9 (verse 7).

God has settled in heaven certain trials of our faith which will as surely befall us as the crown of glory to be given us at Christ's appearing. When a trial comes upon me, let me look upon it as sent for a peculiar blessing. If I receive it thus, I shall not consider "how heavy it is" nor ask, "When will it be removed?" but, "How much advantage shall I gain through it? How shall I turn it to the best account?"—AUTHOR UNKNOWN.

Saturday

PHILIPPIANS 3:1-14 (verse 13).

Themistocles desired rather to learn the art of forgetfulness than of memory. Philosophy is an art of remembering; divinity includes in it an art of forgetting. The first lesson that Socrates taught his scholars was, Remember; for he thought that knowledge was nothing else but a calling to remembrance of those things the mind knew ere it knew the body. But the first lesson that Christ teacheth His scholars is *Forget*; "Forget . . . thine own people." "Repent."—THOMAS ADAMS.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON—NOVEMBER 16, 1958

Jesus' Healing Ministry

Matthew 8:5-17

DEVOTIONAL READING—Matthew 9:35-38

GOLDEN TEXT—"Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people."—MATTHEW 9:35.

CONTEXTUAL CONSIDERATIONS

Jesus recounted the parable of the wise and foolish builders to illustrate the manner in which men use truth after they hear it (7:24ff). This shows how He regarded the authority of the truth He preached. With this was a powerful demonstration of His miraculous work in healings. Following this series of miracles Christ was besieged by a group of candidates for discipleship. It seemed to them attractive to follow such a positive preacher and worker of wonders. But when they heard His claims upon them their ardor was dampened. His true disciples were brought in contact with happenings of such a nature as to strengthen their faith in Him. Three groups are pointed up: (1) the believer, (2) the opportunist, (3) the opposition.

(3) "Sicknesses"—*nosos* (v. 17), maladies specifically designated as diseases. Jesus is represented as bearing every weakness of our natures, as well as every disease. Whether the diseases are caused by natural weaknesses or the invasion of germs, the Great Physician is able for the emergency. All prophecy which is fulfilled refers to the act which fulfills it.

KEY WORD ANALYSIS

(1) "Palsy"—*paralutikos* (v. 6), the direct derivative of "paralysis." The man was the victim of some disease which paralyzed him, perhaps polio.
(2) "Infirmities"—*astheneia* (v. 17), a general term meaning "not having strength," referring to any weakness or disability, which technically covers the entire gamut of human frailties.

2. A Faith Commended

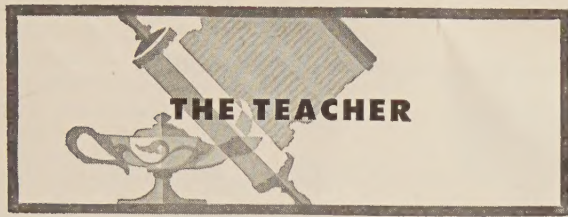
There was enough of an audience to hear this commendation to make it an effective sermon. Christ's application of His teaching on faith at this time had missionary as well as prophetic meaning. The assembly that is to gather in the Kingdom embraces both the Old and the New Covenant—a nondispensational total of redeemed humanity.

Men like this Roman who see a universal Lord rather than a wonder-working Messiah stand a better chance of sitting down with the elect than the carnal crowd. Let the full implication of verse 12 strike you. Who are the children of the kingdom? The kingdom of God in its Old Covenant setting was composed of faithfuls like Abraham, Isaac and Jacob—men who believed God and acted on His promises. What Christ was looking for above all was a faithful man who showed love and confidence in Him. What He ought to have found among His own countrymen He found in this "alien from the commonwealth." Marveling at his faith, Christ used him to rebuke the "children of the kingdom."

3. A Prophecy Fulfilled

Turning away from the scene of this event Christ went to Peter's house where another need faced Him—the serious illness of Peter's mother-in-law. With a touch of warmth, compassion and love, Christ rebuked the fever and poured into her such virtue that she was able not only to arise but to minister to the hungry assembly. Christ had so ministered to her that she was able to minister to others.

While the disciples were eating and resting the news got around the city that Christ was back. The sick, infirm, diseased and curious crowded around the house and He used this occasion to let the people know that this was not the primary reason for His coming. He had come into the world to save sinners, but His compassionate heart would not turn away from their misery. Virtue poured out from Him like a fountain, inasmuch that Matthew tells us that this event was a fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy. Here the brunt of human misery was carried by our Lord, and it so thoroughly attests His Deity that it cannot be questioned.



THE TEACHER

BACKGROUND AND LESSON ORIENTATION

Matthew marshals a series of Jesus' great healings as proof of His Messiahship as prophesied by Isaiah. There are three things emphasized in this connection: (1) He was acting in harmony with the Law of Moses. (2) He was recognized as a Man under authority. (3) He was acting in harmony with a prophesied plan. These factors are not given by accident. They are written deliberately to assure the believer that Jesus of Nazareth proved Himself to be the Messiah of God by irrefutable evidences. The things were written for the ages and are therefore as meaningful today as they were then. This pictures the sovereign Lord as He took the form of a servant, the rich One becoming poor for our sakes that we might become rich in Him. He was God.

SIMPLIFIED OUTLINE

1. A Faithful Servant Healed—Matthew 8:5-10.
2. A Faith Commended—Matthew 8:11-13.
3. A Prophecy Fulfilled—Matthew 8:14-17.

COMMENTARY ON THE PRINTED TEXT

1. A Faithful Servant Healed

The Sermon on the Mount was preached on the Galilean tour. As Jesus was returning "home" to Capernaum He was faced with a grave need.

A Roman officer would not be in the habit of consulting a Jewish rabbi. This shows the intensity of his need as well as his confidence in Jesus. The servant who was sick was not considered so much a bondsman as an attendant for whom the officer had great affection. Christ's simple response shows us His compassionate heart. Although He was weary and perhaps hungry, He did not turn away from the call of misery.

There is nothing like an emergency which we cannot handle to show us our utter dependence upon God. The humbled centurion was so well convinced of his unworthiness and of Christ's power that his faith rose to meet the situation. The "authority" the centurion recognized in Jesus is not revealed, but Christ looked upon it as a highly commendable faith which He rewarded. Gentile faith was discovered in the midst of Jewish unbelief.

HELPFUL HINTS FOR LESSON PREPARATION

There are three emphases in this lesson, none of which should be overlooked. Christ is presented as more than a Healer. He is seen as the Lord, with power and authority. It is

true that His healing ministry is magnified. He is also seen as the One who fulfills prophecy, and as the One who suffers with His people in their infirmity. The gravest infirmity He deals with is the disease of unbelief.

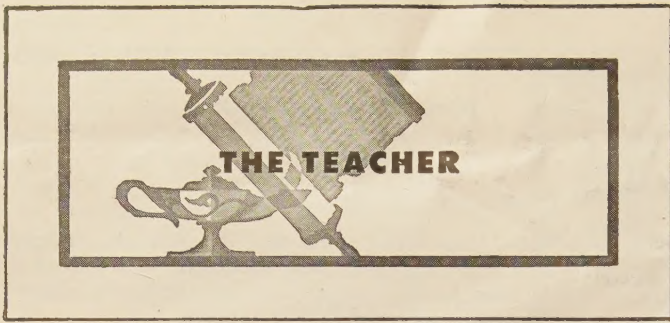
SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON—NOVEMBER 23, 1958

Jesus Arouses Opposition

Mark 2:18-28

DEVOTIONAL READING—1 Peter 4:12-19

GOLDEN TEXT—"And blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me."—MATTHEW 11:6.



BACKGROUND AND LESSON ORIENTATION

Convictions are the backbone of the church, but biases will be its death. The major evil of apostate Judaism was religious pride. That which began as a determined stand against paganism and the culture of Greece developed into a narrow and bigoted religion into which God incarnate could not break with truth. Had Jesus been willing to step into the narrow circle of Jewish religion and bow submissively to her morally diseased leadership, there would have been no opposition—and no Calvary. This week's lesson deals with some of the issues which created such a wide breach between Christ and the religious leaders of the day. It arose largely from His attack on their perverted interpretation of the Law. The new and the old came to grips with Calvary as the end.

SIMPLIFIED OUTLINE

1. *A Question about Fasting*—Mark 2:18-20.
2. *The Old Versus the New*—Mark 2:21, 22.
3. *The Sabbath Controversy*—Mark 2:23-28.

KEY WORD ANALYSIS

"Children of the bridechamber"—*hoi huioi tou numphonos* (v. 19), literally, "sons of the bridechamber." The full implication is not certain. The bridechamber could have been the room where the ceremony was held or where the newlyweds lived after the wedding. The sons of the bridechamber would refer to those who prepared such a

place and helped in the wedding preparations. These were elaborate and involved quite a large wedding party, according to almost every scriptural allusion. In Jesus' analogy the "sons" were His chosen disciples. Since they were busy with Him preparing for a new age in the kingdom it was not fitting for them to be unduly concerned with matters pertaining to the old.

COMMENTARY ON THE PRINTED TEXT

1. *A Question about Fasting*

John had made followers who embraced his teachings and continued to follow his way of life. Fasting seemed to be part of this ritual. In the case of the Pharisees the motive was somewhat different. On the ground of Jesus' own analysis they probably fasted more to impress man than to commune with God.

In any event it was claimed that Christ's disciples did not show proper devotion. Jesus made it clear that a disposition of mind was more of a factor than a conformity to ritual. When these more important things in which the disciples were engaged were taken care of the days would come when fasting would be in order. The present was a time for instruction and training for ministry. Christ did not want His disciples to confuse fasting in spirit with the stern ritual of Pharisaism. It was to provide for them a means of fellowship as they awaited His return from heaven.

2. *The Old Versus the New*

Christ's appeal here was to human nature and custom. He described a procedure which is neither sensible nor practical. In this analogy one must recall the concepts of the "sons of the bridegroom" and the "days will come." A new order requiring new principles was instituted. The sterility of Judaism was being replaced by the vigorous union of the branch with the Vine. Christ would indwell His church. The old would not gain any dignity from the new nor would the new be able to reinforce the old. The result would be damaging to each other. (Cf. Gal. 2:11 ff. where Peter tries to build again the fallen structure of Jewish ceremonialism and is rebuked by Paul.)

The second analogy of the wine and bottles does not teach any further lesson. It is repetition for the sake of strong emphasis. The living, active force of the new wine would burst out of the confines of the old wineskins. These analogies must be related to the question of fasting as it affected Christ's disciples.

3. *The Sabbath Controversy*

The issue brought up here by the opposition was not that of the disciple's right to pluck the grain but of his right to render it edible by "threshing."

Christ not only knew His Old Covenant history but He knew the men with whom He was dealing. He appealed to their knowledge of history (cf. 1 Sam. 21:1-6). It was the need of David which gave legitimacy to his action. The priest concurred to save the lives of David's men. David did not wantonly rob the house of God. The house of God provided for his hunger. Circumstances which transcended ritual rendered the act sensible. The shewbread was food; food was necessary. That which under other circumstances would have been a desecration of the Lord's house became right.

Ritual which overlooks compassion and human misery is mockery. The Sabbath was not made for the purpose of forcing man into its limits; man was made to use the Sabbath for God's and his purposes.

HELPFUL HINTS FOR LESSON PREPARATION

This lesson is made up of simple illustrations. Do not complicate a simple illustration by making it carry undue weight. Make them answer the question Christ was answer-

ing. It is absurd to expect to find a mysterious meaning in every word. Christ dealt with an opposition which arose out of complication; He reduced it to simplicity. The wise teacher will do the same.

THE ALLIANCE FAMILY

(Continued from page 15)

Services were begun there September 23, 1956, though there were no Alliance contacts. A year later the new church building was dedicated. In early summer evangelistic services were held with an average nightly attendance of one hundred and with twenty-two recorded decisions for Christ during the week. Meetings were also held in a nearby teachers college, and several students professed salvation. The pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Milton Pierce, left for missionary service in French West Africa in late August. Mr. Richard Broderson is now pastor.

Nova Scotia Campaign Fruitful

God's rich anointing rested upon Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Shrier, of Ottawa, Ont., as they ministered for nearly one month in Truro, N. S., this summer. The pastor, Rev. Robert Kuglin, reports that more than 150 persons were counseled by the pastor and evangelist. Forty-two of these came for salvation.

On the closing night of the campaign twelve persons were baptized, including two former Roman Catholics. The pastor requests prayer for this Alliance testimony in the Nova Scotia area that Dr. A. B. Simpson and Rev. E. D. Whiteside called "home."

Missionary Treasury

September, 1958

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The income as reported above for the month of September represented a substantial increase above that for September a year ago. In spite of that it failed by \$7,700 to equal the expenses for the month. Our total cash deficit for the year has reached an amount of \$156,000.

We are encouraged by recent letters that have been received indicating special prayer and extra gifts designated for the need. We certainly should trust the Lord together to make up the shortage of our budget; this amounts to \$221,000. Only by getting full budget income will we be able to go forward with our God-given tasks at home and abroad.

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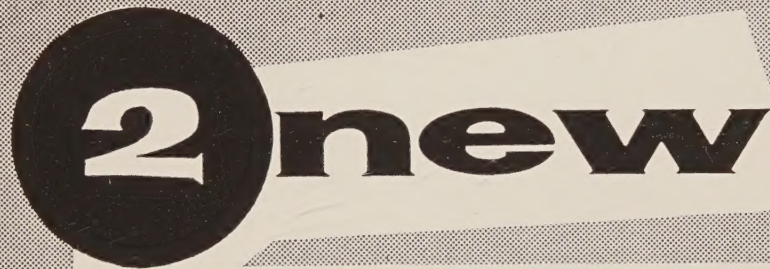
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Jívaro Indians In the southern jungle the Lord is working among the Jívaro Indians. For years missionaries labored there without fruit. In spite of swollen rivers which made travel difficult, over 150 Jívaros attended the dedicatory service for a new chapel.

Mountain Quichuas Another difficult work has been that of evangelizing the more impassive Quichua Indians living in the mountains. It has taken years to win the confidence of these poorly-treated Indians. However, the work at Agato station has been growing gradually. You would exult in praise at the weekly prayer meetings where these humble Indians pour out their hearts to a living Saviour and loving Friend.

National Church There is progress in the national church. In spite of many obstacles and problems, God is drawing all together. Some pastors are attempting to reach some of the unevangelized areas. We are trusting God to deepen this missionary passion among the Ecuadorian believers.

The fields are white unto the harvest in Ecuador, and the missionaries are in desperate need of help. Above all, the work is dependent on faithful intercessors. Pray and expect God to do the supernatural.

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